

September 6, 2005

Mr. Mark Epstein, Department Head
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED AMERICAN CENTRIFUGE PLANT IN PIKETON, OHIO IN
ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION
106 COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Mr. Epstein:

This letter follows a letter of December 28, 2004, in which the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) indicated that we were using the NRC's National Environmental Policy Act review process for Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act in our review of USEC Inc.'s proposal to build the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, OH.

As required under Section 106, the NRC has undertaken the steps of identifying and evaluating historic properties that may be affected by construction and operation of the proposed American Centrifuge Plant. The NRC found that there have been surveys conducted previously to find archaeological and historic sites in the area of the proposed project.

Enclosed is the "Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio, Draft Report for Comment." Section 3.3, "Historic and Cultural Resources," provides a description of the identification and evaluation process. Section 4.2.2 "Historic and Cultural Resource Impacts," presents the NRC's preliminary findings related to this undertaking, including a description of the "area of potential effects" and preliminary determinations of project effect.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c)(2) we are providing copies of the draft Environmental Impact Statement to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, interested Indian tribes, consulting parties, and members of the public. We will hold a public meeting in Piketon, OH on September 29, 2005, during which we will solicit additional comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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If you any questions or comments, or need additional information, please contact Ron Linton by phone at 301-415-7777 or e-mail at RCL1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 70-7004

Enclosures: As stated

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